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Sent: 5/3/2018 8:45:25 PM
To: Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: DRAFT answers to Milwaukee Journal Sentinel re: Central Sands - Wisconsin issue

Are we sure Kurt isn't recused from this?

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On May 3, 2018, at 4:44 PM, Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov> wrote:

Kurt – this may be helpful in your discussions with HQs and WDNR

From: Lippert, Allison
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
Subject: please review - follow up Qs on central sands

These responses have been reviewed by WD and ORC. Any issues before I send to Nancy? Do we need to flag for WDNR?

Request – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Lee Bergquist) – DDL COB

What prompted the agency to conduct the tests?

EPA is monitoring groundwater after receiving complaints of private drinking water well contamination.

Was the EPA responding to complaints about high nitrate levels in the water, including a report of one mother who said that she was forced to terminate a pregnancy because of a severe birth defect?
EPA has received numerous complaints from citizens in the area.

When do you expect to have results - and what is the next step of the agency after getting the results?
EPA will analyze the results and determine if an environmental problem subject to EPA authority exists.

If the results show high nitrate levels that exceed drinking water standards, what will you do?
EPA will coordinate with state and local agencies to address any problem.

Have you communicated the reason for the trip with Central Sands Dairy, the largest farm in the area?
EPA coordinated the evaluation with state and local authorities but has not contacted any private entities except where access to private property was required to conduct the evaluation.

How often has the EPA conducted such tests in Wisconsin in the last few years?
EPA conducts numerous inspections and evaluations of different types and for different purposes annually implementing and supporting various environmental statutes.

Please confirm the following facts that EPA personnel shared with Cristi Sullivan-Greening:

41 bore holes for water sampling - at a shallow depth and deeper depth 60 to 80 feet.

Samples were taken from depths of 45-49 feet and 30-34 feet.

The testing will take place from roughly 20th Ave. and 4th street to the Wisconsin River.

Testing took place West of Lake Pentewell from the Wood County Line to the North and South to 8th Steet.

(In an email, the DNR said a short while ago said that the EPA would be conducting groundwater sampling around Central Sands Dairy's land application fields and production area in Juneau County from April 30-May 4.)

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